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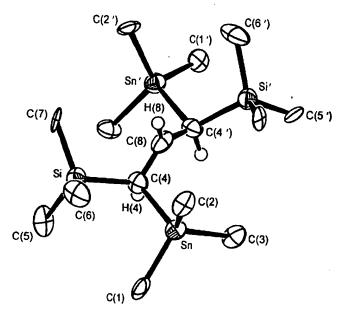
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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR PREPARING ISOBUTYLENE-BASED POLYMERS



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a metal organic compound, a catalytic composition comprising said metal organic compound, a process for homo- or co-polymerizing isoolefines in the presence of said metal organic compound and a method of stabilizing a compound of the general structure (II)  $[R'HC(CRR'')_2]^{2+}[M_2X_9]^-$ , in which R is a group of the formula  $SiR^1R^2R^3$ , R'' is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> alkyl, a C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>14</sub> aryl or a C<sub>7</sub> to C<sub>20</sub> alkylaryl, M is Zr or Hf, X is a halogen atom, and R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>3</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> alkyl group, with a compound R' of the formula M'R<sup>4</sup>R<sup>5</sup>R<sup>6</sup>, in which M' is Si, Ge, Sn or Pb and R<sup>4</sup> to R<sup>6</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> alkyl group as well as a non-coordinating anion of the general structure  $[M_2X_9]^-$  in which M is Zr or Hf and X is a halogen atom.



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